



Montana's



Graduated Driver License Law

WHO: Anyone under age 18

STEP ONE – INSTRUCTION PERMIT (Traffic Education Learner's License)

WHEN:

- Starts with traffic education learner's license or permit obtained in a state-approved driver education program as early as age 14 ½ or without driver education, with a learner's license obtained from a driver exam station as early as age 16

HOW LONG: Minimum of six months

CONDITIONS:

- 50 hours of **supervised driving** - 10 hours must be at night
- Supervision to be provided by a licensed parent/guardian or licensed driver age 18 or older authorized by a parent/guardian
- Each occupant must wear a seat belt
- Remain free from traffic violations and alcohol/drug offenses

STEP TWO – RESTRICTED LICENSE

WHEN:

- Starts with successful completion of Step One - Instruction Permit, and parent/guardian certification of no alcohol/drug or traffic offenses, and 50 hours of supervised driving

HOW LONG: One year

CONDITIONS:

- Each occupant must wear a seat belt
- May not drive between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., some exceptions* may apply
- For the first six months may have only one unrelated passenger under age 18 unless supervised by a licensed driver age 18 or older
- For the second six months may have up to three unrelated passengers under age 18, unless supervised by a licensed driver age 18 or older

Penalty for Step Two Violations

First Offense – not less than 20 hours or more than 60 hours of community service

Second Offense – suspension of driver's license for six months

STEP THREE – FULL PRIVILEGE DRIVER'S LICENSE

WHEN: Upon successful completion of Steps One and Two or reaching age 18, whichever comes first

*Exceptions to night driving restrictions include emergencies, travel to and from school, church or work and farm related activities

For more information on Montana's GDL visit the DOJ/MVD website.